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**9.3 Active and Passive Voice**

MY SENTENCES: Dolls are usually considered to be attractive and young; however they can be

expressionless and unintelligent.

Together, Barbie and doll are used as slang to infer a pretty or giddy woman or girl.

EXPLANATION: Use the passive voice sparingly because it is less direct, less forceful, and less concise than active voice and can be rather awkward. This information was found in the *Holt Handbook* on page 213.

REVISED SENTENCES: Dolls are often attractive and young; however they can be expressionless and unintelligent.

Together, Barbie and doll infer a pretty or giddy woman or girl.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: I smell bacon.

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**16.1 Choose the best word**

MY SENTENCE: However, the second stanza provides that the girl is indeed healthy and intelligent, yet this is not enough for a society that looks for beauty.

EXPLANATION: Because Mr. Lane said so.

REVISED SENTENCE: However, the second stanza states that the girl is indeed healthy and intelligent, yet this is not enough for a society that looks for beauty.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: I recently ate my first Clementine and loved it.

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**5.2 Independent clauses**

MY SENTENCE: The phrase “She was advised” implies that someone was trying to mold her into what is accepted by society therein invoking unnecessary pressure on the adolescent girl (12).

EXPLANATION: Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction when it joins independent clauses. This information was found on page 336 of the *Holt Handbook*.

REVISED SENTENCE: The phrase “She was advised” implies that someone was trying to mold her into what is accepted by society, therein invoking unnecessary pressure on the adolescent girl (12).

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: I want to go to the movies, but I have to study instead.